

ONCE IN A WHILE A LAUGH.
Odd Incidents that Will Mix Themselves Up with Post Office Routine.

The monotony of official life in the Post Office is occasionally varied by a ludicrous incident, which affords to the employees a temporary relief from the daily grind of postmarking, assorting, receiving, and despatching. A few Sundays ago the clerks on duty in the basement were busy assorting the newspapers, which, after being received in the lobby fronting on Main street from the wagons in which they are brought to the Post Office, are thrown down a wooden chute about three feet square and twenty feet long, and land on a large table. The clerks were amazed to see the body of a man emerge from the chute and roll over on the table, followed by his hat. A hasty examination showed that, though insensible, he was alive and apparently uninjured. Consciousness returned in a few minutes, and he was recognized as a former employee of the office. It was found that, having called to see an acquaintance who was on duty in the lobby, he had been seized by an epileptic fit. He was standing close to the entrance of the chute. He fell bodily in, disappearing in a flash from the sight of his astounded companion.

A few days ago a registered letter was received at Post Office Station A, addressed to an aged German living in the neighborhood, and was given to the letter carriers for delivery, but was not at home, and there was no one on the premises authorized to sign the required receipt. After several other efforts to deliver it, it was sent to the Post Master's Office, and the German, on calling at the station and making inquiry about it, was informed of the facts, and furnished with a slip of paper on which was written a name which would enable him to obtain the letter on application at the General Post Office.

Armed with this information, he made his way to the letter carrier's house, and soon was dexterous through its maze seeking for the Registered Letter Department. On entering the gallery, one of the letter carriers, who was on duty, said, "Send it to me." And the German, on calling at the door, said, "I am here." At once the door opened, a man emerged and departed, a voice called "Next!"

"That's all right—take off your coat! I come for it." To get shaved, and take off your coat? I can't examine you unless you do," said the man.

"Don't you got to be examined?" said the man. "Yes, I do, and off you go. Do you want to take off your coat and shirt? do you think I can examine you with your clothes on?"

"Look here, my friend, you think I was a thief? You want to search me? Well, don't all right. I mean an honest man, by gracious, and you don't want me to search my clothes inside, and you don't want to search you? I want to examine you. Don't you understand?"

No, I don't understand him at all—but dots a little more in, and if I a cold catch dit will your faint seen."

The professional-looking gentleman placed his hand affectionately on the letter carrier's shoulder, and said, "I am here." The letter carrier, listening intently; then tapped him on the breast bone and punched him in the small of the back, inquiring if he was all right.

"I am all right, but maybe if you do foolishness don't stop some culprit gets bratty soon hurt."

"Does that hurt?" was the next question, elicited by a gentle thrust among the ribs. "No, don't hurt, but py gracious, if—"

"Oh, be quiet, I'm in a hurry, and have got a dozen more to hand it out. Now, can you read the card when I hold it out so?"

"No."

"Can you read it now?" bringing it a few inches closer. "No, but you choose bring out mine shingles by my goot bont, and I read him."

"Oh, that won't do; you're right is defective, and you're right you're not good. Put on your clothes again, quick please."

"Don't all right, So I vos recheked, eh? You do not necessary, I want to be very vamy to the time. And now I've been recheked and examined, und all doings vot you do mit me, maybe you don't some objet hom? But what did you letter?"

"Dot rochister I letter you was shocked apou on dis blace of homs from St. Louis."

Then the letter carrier said to me with that? I thought what you had come to be examined. Didn't you apply for appointment as a letter carrier?"

"I am a letter carrier? No, I don't want to be a letter carrier. I had a good business goth by mine self; but py gracious, I vants mine recheked letter from Germany vame bruder send me in New York."

"Here," said the professional gentleman, opening the door and calling a messenger from the Post Office Department, and the bewildered foreigner was conducted to the proper window.

It happened to be the day for the examination, by the Post Office medical officer, of candidates for appointment as letter carriers.

MR. BOOLE AND HIS CONGREGATION.

The' Trustees Desire that the Conference should Not Reappoint him.

The trustees of the South Second Street M. E. Church, Wilkinsburg, by a majority voted at a meeting on Friday evening, directed that the Conference, which has assembled, be not re-appointed as the conference, and another pastor placed over them.

"The trouble is this," said a member of the congregation yesterday. "The Rev. W. H. Boole, the pastor, is out West lecturing on temperance, and, as I understand it, he went away without asking permission to do so. Now, like Mr. Boole, when he came here there were members of the congregation who were displeased. The members took up a collection, and the pastor knew there were some who did not want him to go. He was away for several weeks, and when you speak of during the week some of Mr. Boole's friends in the church have never met him in an effort to get a paper for presentation to the conference and obtain a favorable action, and when he returned he was not asked whether he or not. I think he would prefer to go, and do his duty away, they say. What have I heard to day, I think that the whole affair is a movement to get the Rev. J. Parker placed in charge of the South Second Street congregation, and the Boole and the anti-Boole factions. He refused a call to the North Second Church, and another to the South Third Street church.

The Parisian Flower Company.

The opening of this well-known Fourteenth street house was the marked event of the past week in the military world. The display of Parisianized and other bonnets and hats was large, and gave a full display of the latest fashions in every spring shape and color. Several large hats were shown there last week at this time. Feathers and flowers remain the leading trimmings, the preference being for feathers. The ribbons are in various widths, but narrow bands are the most popular. Two long strings in two colors of shades of the same color are the latest fashion. Two large pointed jackets, the Grange capote, and the Parisian capote, are the latest fashions. Flower company rooms, but there is nothing of recent interest in them.

Feathers and flowers on the bust of custom pantaloons at 162 Wooster st., top floor.

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